



SIUSLAW NATIONAL FOREST **PROJECT UPDATE**

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NOTE: The Siuslaw Project Update and other information about the Siuslaw National Forest can be accessed on our Web site at www.fs.fed.us/r6/siuslaw/.

This is the quarterly edition of Project Update notifying you of Siuslaw National Forest proposed actions for which there is an opportunity for your involvement. The list contains both proposed actions and actions for which the analysis process is already underway. This update is provided to give you an overview of proposed actions on the Siuslaw National Forest in the event you would like to comment. Detailed descriptions of proposed actions can be obtained by notifying the "contact person" associated with a given project. In some cases, mailing lists have already been established for an action or category of actions. If you are already on a mailing list, you will be notified of scoping periods for those proposed actions. If you would like to be on a mailing list, notify the contact person by mail or phone.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for proposed projects and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who only submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR Part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets.

Proposed actions are grouped by category (Recreation, Special Use Permits, Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, Land Exchanges, Watershed Analysis, Roads, Plan Amendments and Multi-Projects), and within each category in alphabetical order by Ranger District. The information provided for each action includes name, Ranger District, legal description of location, a brief description of the proposed action, and three dates: scoping, decision, and implementation. These projected or actual dates will be updated in subsequent quarterly reports.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

FISH & WILDLIFE

Bailey Ck. Stream Restoration

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S18, 19, 30

Improve fish habitat and early seral habitat in Enchanted Valley portion of Bailey Creek.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 902-6956

Post-Flood Fish Structure Repair

Mapleton Ranger District

District-wide

Installation, maintenance and repair of District fish structures following flood of 1996.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Summer 1999-2000

Contact: Paul Burns, 902-6953

Nelson Meadows

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R12W, S14

Commercially harvest three 6-10 acre blocks of Matrix land and convert to early seral habitat.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Spring 2000

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Don Large, 902-6971

West Fork Deadwood Creek Cost Share - Fish Structures

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W, S26

Install large wood to improve stream function.

Scoping: February 2000

Decision: May 2000

Implementation: August 2000

Contact: Paul Burns, 902-6953

North Fork Smith Heli Placement Project- Fish Structures and Salvage

Mapleton Ranger District

T19S, R10W, S32, S33

Install large wood to improve stream function-helicopter placement of large down trees in the North Fork Smith River and helicopter salvage of down trees.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: September 2000

Contact: Paul Burns, 902-6953

Upper Bailey Creek Restoration

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, S18

Removal of alder and salmonberry and plant with native forbs and grasses.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Fall 1999

Contact: Dan Karnes, 902-6950

Horsfall Wetlands Enhancement Addition

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S, R13W, S29, S32

Add more trails and ponds to the Horsfall Wetlands Enhancement project by supplementing the current Environmental Assessment.

Scoping: June 2000

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined.

Contact: Ann Carlson, 271-6040

Siltcoos Overflow Wetland Restoration/Beach Sand Road

Oregon Dunes NRA

T12S, R12W; S32

Wetland habitat enhancement.

Scoping: January 2000

Decision: June 2000

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Ann Carlson, 271-6040

Big Blue Project - Cape Creek Instream Structures

Waldport Ranger District

T16,17S, R11,12W

Place conifer logs in a 1.5-mile section of Cape Creek.

Scoping: Done

Decision: May 1996 (EA)

Implementation: Summer/Fall 2000

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211

Drift Home Project - Stream Complexity Enhancement

Waldport Ranger District

T12S, R9W

Place large wood in Gopher Creek and Upper Drift Creek to enhance stream complexity and benefit fish habitat.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, December 31, 1997

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Jack Sleeper, 563-3211

Chinquapin Point Yellow Star Thistle Control

Waldport Ranger District

T12S, R8W, S9

Eradication of a one-acre yellow star thistle population using chemical methods.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: April 2000

Implementation: April 2000

Contact: Dan Segotta, 902-6981

Snag Creation

Waldport Ranger District

T16S, T17S, R11W, R12W

Approximately 1800 snags will be created within managed stands that were commercially thinned via the Blue Bird and Whirly Bird thinning sales. Tree topping and/or inoculation methods will be used.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Big Blue Project EA, 1996

Implementation: Begin 1999

Contact: Eric Stolsig, 563-3211

FISH & WILDLIFE

West Creek Restoration

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T3S, R9W, S30

Fencing, off-stream watering and riparian planting in the West Creek subwatershed.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, 8/31/99

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

North Fork Siuslaw Bioengineering Demonstration Project

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T17S, R10W, S19, SW1/4

Instream habitat enhancement and erosion control in the McLeod subwatershed.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, 8/31/99

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

Deadwood Creek Powerline Relocation Demonstration Project

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T16S, R8W, S26, NW1/4

Bury powerlines and re-establish riparian vegetation in the Deadwood Creek subwatershed.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, 8/31/99

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

West Fork Deadwood Enhancement

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T16S, R9W, S26, NW1/4

Instream habitat enhancement and erosion control in the Deadwood Creek subwatershed.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, 8/31/99

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

N. Fork Siuslaw Estuary Tide Channel Restoration

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T18S, R13W, S24, NE1/4

Reshape channel to reconnect tidal channels to Siuslaw estuary.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, 8/31/99

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101

Scholfield/Stewart Project

Private Lands - Wyden Funding

T22S, R12W, S18, SE1/4

Fence five acres of riparian area, construct fords, and waterbar an access road.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, 8/31/99

Implementation: In progress

Contact: Karen Bennett, 750-7101



MULTI-PROJECTS

Peach/Fiddle Commercial Thinning and Related Projects

Mapleton Ranger District

T20S, R10-11W

Thin and harvest 1343 acres of 25-50 year old tree plantations, place about 150 stream structures, decommission or stabilize and close about 35 miles of existing roads, plant trees, create snags, treat noxious weeds, create 12 acres of meadow, and establish a long-term road waste disposal site.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Fiddle-DN, 7/30/99

Peach-Pending

Implementation: 2000-2002

Contact: Don Large, 902-6971

Five Rivers Landscape Management Project EIS

Waldport Ranger District

Five Rivers Watershed

T15S, R10-11W

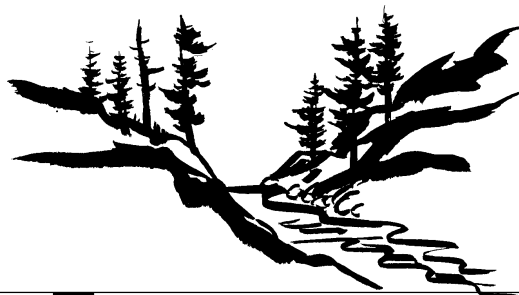
Thin and harvest about 3230 acres of 25-35 year old managed stands, decommission about 49 miles of road, stabilize and close 77 miles of road, build and maintain a road to access private property, create and maintain 40 acres of meadows, add structures to 18 miles of stream, precommercially thin about 2366 acres, plant trees, create snags and down wood, and treat noxious weeds.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Draft EIS, comment period ends 12/30/99

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Paul Thomas or Bruce Buckley, 563-3211



SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Access SUP

Forest-wide

BPA will be granted road access and use permits to support BPA towers and transmission lines.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Mauricio Ribera, 750-7140

Miscellaneous Special Use Permits

Mapleton Ranger District District-wide

Water systems, roads, transmission lines, road easements, minerals, commercial haul, and tailholds.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Ongoing

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Sheep Ranch Timber Sale Tailholds, Olympic Resources

Mapleton Ranger District

T18S, R9W, S27

Use existing roads, construct 150-foot new road, and use 10-11 trees for tailholds.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Summer 1999

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Herman Peak Relay Tower

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R11W, Sec 4

American Tower Co. is proposing to construct an additional tower on Herman Peak.

Scoping: Spring 2000

Decision: Spring 2000

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Indian Creek Private Harvest Operations

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R10W, S11

Reopen old road and construct 250 feet of new road for log haul.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Beaver Creek Road Haul

Mapleton Ranger District

T18-19S, R10W

Haul logs on USFS road 48831.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Buck Creek Outfitter Guide

Mapleton Ranger District

T15S, R8W, S33; T16S, R8W, S4,5

Construct and use trail through Douglas-fir old-growth area for eco-tourism.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Coos Bay/North Bend Water Board

Oregon Dunes NRA

T23,24S, R13W

Water diversion on Tenmile Creek, pipeline through the ODNRA, and expansion of existing well heads in the Dunes aquifer have been identified as an alternative source of water for the cities of Coos Bay and North Bend. US Army Corps of Engineers is lead agency for the EIS on the project.

Scoping: Done, FEIS March 1999

Decision: ROD, September 15, 1999

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Ed Becker, 271-6001

Miscellaneous Special Use Permits

Waldport Ranger District District-wide

Water systems, roads, transmission lines, road easements, commercial haul, tailholds, concessions and minerals.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Ongoing

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Linda Montanez, 563-3211

Consumers Power, Inc. SUP

Waldport Ranger District

T13S, R7W, S 2, 3; T14S, R9W, S14, 23; T12S, R7W, S20, 21, 28, 29

Reroute underground powerline and replace power poles along Hwy 34, Benton County.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 2000

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Linda Montanez or Paul Thomas, 563-3211

R.D. Gates Access SUP

Waldport Ranger District

T12S, R9W, S11

R. D. Gates Timber Company is applying for an SUP to build 1600' of road to access private timber lands for timber management activities.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 2000

Implementation: Spring 2000

Contact: Paul Thomas, 563-3211

SPECIAL USE PERMITS

Consumers Power, Inc.

Waldport Ranger District

T14S, R9W, S7

Reconstructing transmission lines along a one-mile section of Hwy 34 and rerouting 1400 feet of transmission line off of Five Rivers road.

T12S, R7W, S19-20, S28-29

Reroute cable lines on Mary's Peak to west point and Mary's Peak communication sites.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 2000

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Paul Thomas, 563-3211

Pioneer Telephone Coop.

Waldport Ranger District

District-wide

Review of entire permit and re-issue.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 2000

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Linda Mantanez or Paul Thomas, 563-3211

LAND EXCHANGE

Boise Cascade/ Lincoln City Parks and Recreation/USFS Land Exchange

Hebo Ranger District

T6S, R11W, S26

A three party land exchange involving Boise Cascade Corp., Lincoln City and USFS. Lincoln City will exchange a 60 acre parcel within Cascade Head Research Area with Boise Cascade. BC will exchange with USFS for federal lands of equal value.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Bob Schulz, 750-7171

Port of Tillamook Land Exchange

Hebo Ranger District

T2S, R10W, S5

Port of Tillamook buying privately owned land of equal value to trade for 5.0 acres USFS land with scale shack west of Tillamook Blimp Base.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Summer 1999

Implementation: Winter 2000

Contact: Mike Schwartz, 750-7175

Robinson Small Tracts Act (STA)

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W, S14, S23

STA which may include interchange of lands to clear up innocent encroachment of house, garage and orchard.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Winter 2000

Contact: Mike Schwartz, 750-7175

Millard Small Tracts Act (STA)

Waldport Ranger District

T14S, R12W, S11

Action results from relocation of forest road 1046-000. STA to exchange abandoned road Right of Way for easement over new location.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Summer

1999

Implementation:

Winter 2000

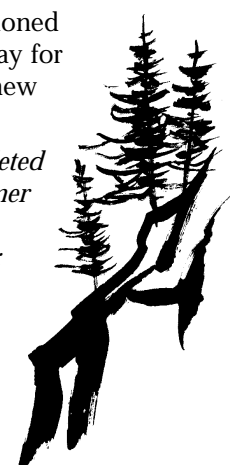
Contact: Robert

Schulz, 750-

7171; or Mike

Schwartz, 750-

7175



ROADS

Flood Damage Road Repairs

Forest-wide

Winter storms in February 1996 through winter 1999 damaged roads on the Siuslaw National Forest. Work includes culvert replacements, slope stabilization, debris removal, and geotechnically constructed fills.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Ongoing

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Mauricio Ribera, 750-7140

Road Obliteration

Hebo Ranger District

Drift Creek Watershed

Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring and road closure. Road: 1900 (segments).

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Winter 1999

Implementation: Summer 1999-2000

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161

Misery Ridge Road Obliteration

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W, S15,16,21

Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring and road closure of about 1.25 miles of road 3500-612.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 2000

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 902-6956

ROADS

North Fork Siuslaw Road Relocation

Mapleton Ranger District

T11S, R10W, S5

Re-align 1500 feet of North Fork Siuslaw Road away from the river.

Scoping: March 2000

Decision: June 2000

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Johan Hogervorst, 902-6956

Big Blue Project--Road Decommissioning

Waldport Ranger District

T16S, R11W, S29,30,31,32,33; T16S, R12W, S35,36

Waterbarring, fill removal and road closure on Road 1059-654 and a section of Road 1059.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, May 10, 1996

Implementation: Summer/Fall 2000

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211

Flood Restoration/Road Obliteration

Waldport Ranger District

Cummins/Tenmile and Yachats Watersheds

Culvert and fill removal, sidecast pullback, waterbarring and road closure. Roads affected: Segment of road 5491 between roads 5590 and 5491-411, and roads in recently acquired Diamond B property.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: EA, April 1998

Implementation: Summer 1999 + 2000

Contact: Mike Battles, 563-3211

Drift Home Project: Road Stabilization and Closure

Waldport Ranger District

Drift Creek and Big Elk Watersheds T12,13S; R9,10W

Provide drainage control, remove fill and culverts from designated stream crossings, remove unstable sidecast material and close roads. These activities are expected to impact 30 miles of roads within the Drift Creek watershed and 10 miles of roads within the Mill, Homestead and Lower Big Elk subbasins of the Big Elk Watershed.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, December 31, 1997

Implementation: Beginning Summer 1998

Contact: Bruce Buckley, 563-3211

RECREATION

Hebo Horse Camp and Trails

Hebo Ranger District

T4S, R9W

Construct horse camp and numerous loop trails connecting to camp. Trails will include existing trails, obliterated and abandoned roads and new construction.

Scoping: Summer 1999

Decision: Summer 2000

Implementation: Summer 2001

Contact: Don Gonzalez, 392-3161

Drift Creek Trailhead Parking Lot Expansion

Hebo Ranger District

T7S, R10W, S25

Expand existing parking lot by 0.13 acre.

Scoping: Done

Decision: Pending

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161

Sand Dunes East

Mapleton Ranger District

T17S, R12W, S35; T18S, R12W, S2
OHV Management and Access Plan.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

North Fork Smith River Trail

Mapleton Ranger District

T19S, R9W, S19, S30

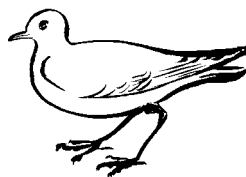
Place two foot bridges across North Fork Smith River.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970



RECREATION

Trails Reconstruction

Oregon Dunes NRA

T19S, R12W, S33; T20S, R12W, S8, S17

Reconstruct Lagoon and Taylor Dune Trails to improve universal access (accessibility) and Overlook Trail for improved winter access.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: February, 2000

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Visitor Center Landscaping

Oregon Dunes NRA

T21S, R12W, S34

Reconstruct landscape outside visitor center and add interpretive facilities.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: March 2000

Implementation: Spring 2000

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Bluebill Trail Reconstruction

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S, R13W, S32, S33

Reconstruct and partially relocate Bluebill trail, including structures.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: March 2000

Implementation: Not yet determined.

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Siuslaw Vista Trail

Oregon Dunes NRA

T18S, R12W, S33, S34

Construct trail from overlook into dunes.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: February 2000

Implementation: Spring 1999

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Butterfield Lake

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S, R13W, S3

Master plan and site plans for road and trail access.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Siltcoos-Goose Pasture Vegetation Management

Oregon Dunes NRA

T19S, R12W

Control of non-native vegetation to restore sand dunes.

Scoping: March 2000

Decision: Not yet determined

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Horsfall Day Use Area/Transportation

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S; R13W; S28,29,32,33

Improve integration of day use and transportation systems by development of day use areas and sand road.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Ongoing

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Lagoon Restoration

Oregon Dunes NRA

T19S, R12W, S33

Treat unwanted non-native vegetation by chemical methods and restore to natural conditions.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: March 2000

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Bill Wall, 271-6042

Hall-Schuttpelz Lake

Oregon Dunes NRA

T23S, R13W, S1

Develop trailhead and day use site; reconstruct trails.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: February 2000

Implementation: Spring 2000

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Umpqua Beach #2 Accessibility

Oregon Dunes NRA

T22S, R13W, S23

Construct short accessible trail from parking lot to ocean viewpoint.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Completed

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Bluebill CG Drainfield Improvement

Oregon Dunes NRA

T24S; R13W; S32

Relocates and extends drainfield for Bluebill Campground.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Not yet determined

Contact: Dave Braley, 271-6060

Cape Perpetua Interpretive Center Entrance Road

Waldport Ranger District

T15S, R12W, S2,3

Reconstruct entrance road to interpretive center. Improve wheelchair accessible parking and improve safe access to parking lot for larger vehicles.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: 2000

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Gina Owens, 563-3211

RECREATION

Flood Restoration/Misc. Recreation

Waldport Ranger District

Tenmile Creek Watershed; T15S, R11W, S34, S35; T16S, R11W, S1
Construct a hiking trail approximately 1.8 miles long on a road segment in the recently acquired Diamond B property. The bridge that crosses Tenmile Creek will have abutments reinforced and decking replaced for pedestrian use. A dispersed campsite will be located in the vicinity of the new trail.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: EA, April 1998

Implementation: 1998-2000

Contact: Ken McCall, 750-7141

Devil's Churn Viewing Platform

Waldport Ranger District

T15S, R12W, S3
Construction of a concrete viewing platform above Devil's Churn.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Gina Owens, 563-3211



NOTICE - Request for Proposals to operate and maintain three major recreation components of the Waldport Ranger District.

- 6 Campgrounds and 2 day-use areas
- Heceta House
- Cape Perpetua Interpretive Center

Release coming out soon. For more information contact: Waldport Ranger District Office 563-3211.

FORESTRY

Mina Bird Commercial Thinning EIS

Hebo Ranger District

T4S, R8W
Development of Late-Successional stand characteristics by commercially thinning 400 acres of "off-site" Douglas-fir stands, including 260 acres within the Hebo-Nestucca RARE II roadless area.

Scoping: Ongoing

Decision: Undetermined

Implementation: Undetermined

Contact: Brent Erskine, 503-392-3161

Baxter (Louie) Creek Thinning

Hebo Ranger District

T5S, R9W
Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning of approximately 300 acres in 70-80 year old stands.

Scoping: February 1998

Decision: DN, June 28, 1998

Implementaion: Sold 7/7/99, award pending

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161

Precommercial Thinning

Hebo Ranger District *District-wide*

Maintain growth and vigor by precommercial thinning of 5- to 15-year-old plantations.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Winter 2000

Implementation: Spring 2000

Contact: Wayne Patterson, 392-3161

Commercial Thinning - Rock, Erickson and Lower Schooner Subwatersheds (Rotweiler Project)

Hebo Ranger District

T7S, R10W
Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning in 35-40 year old plantations.

Scoping: October 1998

Decision: DN, April 23, 1999

Implementation: Sold 6/16/99, award pending

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161

Bearcat Commercial Thin

Hebo Ranger District

T35S, R9W
Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercial thinning about 400 acres in 35 to 60 year old stands within LSR and AMA lands.

Scoping: February 2000

Decision: Spring 2000

Implementation: Summer 2000

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161

Gauldy Project Thin

Hebo Ranger District

T4,5S, R9,10W
Development of late-successional stand characteristics by commercially thinning 1,500 acres in stands 35 to 70 years within LSR and AMA lands.

Scoping: Summer 2000

Decision: Fall 2000

Implementation: 2001

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161

Lower Siuslaw Commercial Thin

Mapleton Ranger District

T19S, R10W; T18S, R10W
Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands.

Scoping: Winter 2000

Decision: Spring 2000

Implementation: 2001

Contact: Don Large, 902-6971

Deadwood/Taylor Commercial Thinning

Mapleton Ranger District

Deadwood Watershed
T17S, T16S, R9W, R10W
Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, May 2, 1998

Implementation: Deadwood sold 5/5/99, Taylor Thin, Deer Thin, and Dan's Alder are pending

Contact: Mark Buehrig, 902-6970

Blowdown Salvage

Mapleton Ranger District

T6S, R10W S18
Salvage logs from 14 acre stand damaged by wind in November 1999.

Scoping: February 2000

Decision: June 2000

Implementation: August 2000

Contact: Brent Erskine, 392-3161

Stocking Control

Mapleton Ranger District

District-wide
Maintain growth and vigor by precommercial thinning of 5- to 15-year-old plantations.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Winter 2000

Contact: Leonard Larson, 902-6951

Green Thinning

Mapleton Ranger District

T16S, R9W
Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years old by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics in LSR and high timber yields on matrix lands.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Spring 2000

Implementation: Spring 2000

Contact: Don Large, 902-6971

Tenmile Creek-Riparian Conifer Management

Waldport Ranger District

T15S; R11,12W
Release approximately 194 acres of conifer from alder competition, including 126 acres planted with conifer seedlings. Fifteen acres of non-commercial thinning of conifer plantation to accelerate late-successional riparian conditions.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: May 1996

Implementation: Partially completed; remainder 1999

Contact: Jack Sleeper, 563-3211

Eichler Thin - Commercial Thinning

Mapleton Ranger District

N. Fork Siuslaw Watershed, T17S, R10W
Reduce stocking levels of stands 30-50 years of age by thinning to promote late-successional forest characteristics.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, 7/30/99

Implementation: FY 2000

Contact: Don Large, 902-6971

Drift Home Project: Commercial Thinning

Waldport Ranger District

Drift Creek and Big Elk Watersheds
T12,13S; R9,10W
Reduce stocking levels of stands 25-35 years of age to maintain stand health and to promote late-successional forest characteristics of LSR #R0268.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: DN, December 31, 1997

Implementation: Big Gopher Thin sold 7/7/99, award pending

Contact: Lloyd Palmer, 563-3211

Boulder Path Thin, SPC

Waldport Ranger District

T14S, R10W, S13
Commercially thin one 12-acre plantation using skyline cable logging system.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Drift Home EA, December 1997

Implementation: 2000

Contact: Lloyd Palmer, 563-3211



FORESTRY

Conifer Release 2000

Waldport Ranger District

District-wide

Release of selected seedlings from brush and hardwoods affecting 300 acres.

Scoping: Completed

Decision: Completed

Implementation: Spring/Summer 2000

Contact: Ed Obermeyer, 563-3211

WATERSHED ANALYSIS

Nineteen watershed analyses have been completed (about nearly 90% of the Forest) including Nestucca Complex, North Fork of Siuslaw, Cummins/Tenmile (coastal stream watersheds between Cape Perpetua and Heceta Head), Yaquina/Big Elk, Mercer/Berry, Oregon Dunes NRA, Indian/Deadwood, Drift Creek-Siletz, Lobster/Five Rivers, Drift Creek (Alsea), Smith River, Yachats, Little Nestucca, Lower Siuslaw, Lower Umpqua, Sand Lake, Salmon Neskowin, Coastal Lakes, and Lower Alsea. The analyses provide a better understanding of the aquatic and terrestrial environments within the watersheds and reveal some management implications for meeting objectives of the Northwest Forest Plan.

The following watershed analyses are being completed or conducted:

Beaver

Waldport Ranger District

Status: Ongoing

Contact: Craig Snider, 750-7077

Marys River

Waldport Ranger District

Status: Begins Spring 2000

Contact: Craig Snider, 750-7077